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IN THE CLAIMS

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1. (currently amended) A method for controlling access of a user to a ~~telecommunications~~ ~~network via a~~ gateway server having a <u>first data structure and</u> server communications device ~~and~~ ~~a first data structure~~ <u>providing connectivity via a telecommunications network to one or more</u> <u>destination hosts,</u> comprising:

  ~~the~~ <u>said</u> gateway server receiving a profile identifier;

  ~~the~~ <u>said</u> gateway server accessing a profile stored in a database at the first data structure based on the profile identifier, ~~the~~ <u>said</u> profile containing ~~at least~~ <u>one or more</u> access ~~criterion~~ <u>criteria, at least one of said criteria measuring a dynamically decrementable resource, said</u> <u>decrementable resource being capable of incrementation, said criteria being resolved wholly at</u> <u>said gateway server, independent of any criteria necessitated by said telecommunications</u> <u>networks or destination host;</u>

  if ~~all the~~ <u>said</u> access criteria are satisfied, ~~the~~ <u>said</u> gateway server allowing ~~the~~ <u>said</u> user access to ~~the~~ <u>said</u> telecommunications network; and

  if ~~any~~ <u>said</u> access criteria are not satisfied, ~~the~~ <u>or during said access to said</u> <u>telecommunications network become unsatisfied, said</u> gateway server denying ~~the~~ <u>or terminating</u> <u>said</u> user access to ~~the~~ <u>said</u> telecommunications network.

2. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein at least one of said access ~~criterion~~ <u>criteria</u> is ~~the~~ time of day.

3. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein at least one of said access ~~criterion~~

<u>criteria</u> is ~~the~~ day of the week.

4. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein said profile additionally contains an account balance

available to the user and the gateway server continuously decrements said account balance by the

time elapsed during access to the telecommunications network.

5. (original) In the method of claim 1 in which the user communicates to the gateway server via a

public switched telephone network, the step of receiving a profile identifier comprising the

gateway server receiving automatic number identification data from a public switched telephone

network identifying the telephone number from which a user is connecting.

6. (currently amended) A method for controlling access of a computer terminal having a terminal

communications device connected to telecommunications lines to a ~~computer network~~ <u>one or</u>

<u>more destination hosts</u> via a gateway server having a first data structure and a server

communications device accessible via telecommunications lines at a predetermined address,

comprising:

      providing <u>removable</u> computer readable media at said computer terminal, said readable

·media storing an address for accessing said gateway server;

      providing a database at the first data structure storing at least one profile correlated to a

profile identifier, said profile including ~~an access criterion~~ <u>one or more access criteria, at least</u>

<u>one of which represents sufficiency of a dynamically decrementable resource, such</u>

decrementable resource being capable of incrementation, said criteria being resolved wholly at said gateway server, independent of any criteria necessitated by said telecommunications networks or destination host;

~~the~~ said computer terminal accessing said gateway server at ~~the~~ said predetermined address via said telecommunications lines;

~~the~~ said gateway server receiving a profile identifier at said server communications device;

~~the~~ said gateway server accessing a profile associated with ~~the~~ said profile identifier received;

~~the~~ said gateway server determining whether ~~the~~ said access ~~criterion is~~ criteria are satisfied;

if ~~all the~~ said access ~~criterion~~ criteria in a profile associated with ~~a~~ said requesting computer terminal are satisfied, ~~the~~ said gateway server allowing ~~the~~ said requesting computer terminal access to ~~the computer network~~ said destination hosts via said telecommunications lines based solely on the information stored on said computer readable media, monitoring said access, and terminating said access should said decrementable resource become exhausted; and

if ~~the~~ said access ~~criterion~~ criteria in a profile associated with ~~a~~ said requesting computer terminal are not satisfied, ~~the~~ said gateway server denying ~~the~~ said requesting computer terminal access to ~~the computer network~~ said destination hosts.

7. (currently amended) The method of claim 6 wherein at least one of said access ~~criterion~~ criteria is ~~the~~ time of day.

8. (currently amended) The method of claim 6 wherein at least one of said access ~~criterion~~ criteria is ~~the~~ day of the week.

9. (currently amended) The method of claim 6 wherein said profile additionally contains an account balance available to ~~the~~ said computer terminal and ~~the~~ said gateway server ~~continuously~~ decrements said account balance by the time elapsed during access to ~~the~~ said computer network.

10. (currently amended) In the method of claim 6 in which at least one of ~~the~~ said computer terminals communicates to ~~the~~ said gateway server via a public switched telephone network, the step of receiving a profile identifier comprising ~~the~~ said gateway server receiving automatic number identification data from a public switched telephone network identifying the telephone number from which ~~a~~ said computer terminal is connecting.

11. (currently amended) A system for controlling access of ~~a plurality of~~ one or more computer terminals to ~~a computer network~~ a telecommunications network which, in turn, provides connectivity to one or more destinations hosts, comprising:

    a gateway server having access to ~~the computer~~ said telecommunications network, said gateway server having a server communications device accessible via telecommunications lines at a predetermined address;

    ~~a~~ said computer terminal having a terminal communications device connected to said public communications lines;

<u>removable</u> computer readable media at said computer terminal, the computer readable media storing:

         (a)   an address for accessing said gateway server; and

         (b)   programming instructions directing said computer terminal to access said gateway server at ~~the~~ <u>said</u> stored address via said telecommunications lines; and

a first data structure at ~~the~~ <u>said</u> gateway server storing:

         (a)   a database storing at least one profile correlated to a profile identifier, said profile including ~~an access criterion~~ <u>one or more access criteria, at least one of which</u> <u>represents sufficiency of a dynamically decrementable resource, such decrementable</u> <u>resource being capable of incrementation, said criteria being resolved wholly at said</u> <u>gateway server, independent of any criteria necessitated by said networks or destination</u> <u>host</u>;

         (b)   programming instructions directing the receipt of ~~a~~ <u>said</u> profile identifier at said server communications device;

         (c)   programming instructions directing the accessing of ~~a~~ <u>said</u> profile identified by said profile identifier;

         (d)   programming instructions determining whether said access ~~criterion is~~ <u>criteria are</u> satisfied;

         (e)   programming instructions disconnecting ~~the~~ <u>said</u> computer terminal if said access ~~criterion is~~ <u>criteria are</u> not satisfied; and

         (f)   programming instructions allowing ~~the~~ <u>said</u> computer terminal ~~computer~~ <u>telecommunications</u> network access if said access ~~criterion is~~ <u>criteria are</u> satisfied <u>based</u>

solely on the information stored on said computer readable media, said access subject to reverification to terminate access should said decrementable resource become exhausted.

12. (currently amended) The system of claim 11 wherein at least one of said access ~~criterion~~ criteria is ~~the~~ time of day.

13. (currently amended) The system of claim 11 wherein at least one of said access ~~criterion~~ criteria is ~~the~~ day of the week.

14. (currently amended) The system of claim 11 wherein said profile additionally contains an account balance available to ~~the~~ said user and the gateway server ~~continuously~~ decrements said account balance by the time elapsed during access to ~~the computer~~ said telecommunications network.

15. (currently amended) In the system of claim 14 in which said computer terminal includes a display, the system further comprising programming instructions stored at ~~the~~ said first data structure directing the gateway server to transmit data representing ~~the~~ said account balance to ~~the~~ said computer terminal for display thereat.

16. (currently amended) The system of claim 11 wherein said telecommunications lines include a public switched telephone network and said profile identifier includes automatic number

identification data from said public switched telephone network identifying the telephone

number from which ~~a~~ said computer terminal is connecting.

17. (currently amended) A method for controlling access of ~~a~~ one or more computer ~~terminal~~

terminals having a terminal communications device connected ~~to~~ by telecommunications lines to

a ~~computer~~ telecommunications network via a gateway server having a first data structure and a

server communications device accessible via telecommunications lines at a predetermined

address for providing connectivity of said one or more computer terminals to one or more

destination hosts, comprising:

       providing removable computer readable media at said computer terminal, said readable

media storing an address for accessing said gateway server;

       providing a database at ~~the~~ said first data structure storing at least one profile correlated

to a profile identifier, said profile ~~including an~~ containing one or more access criteria, at least one

of which provides one or more permissible access time ~~period~~ periods;

       ~~the~~ said computer terminal accessing said gateway server at ~~the~~ said predetermined

address via said telecommunications lines;

       ~~the~~ said gateway server receiving a profile identifier at said server communications

device;

       providing a chronometer at ~~the~~ said gateway server and determining the time of day of

~~the~~ said computer terminal access;

       ~~the~~ said gateway server accessing ~~a~~ said profile associated with ~~the~~ said profile identifier

received;

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~~the~~ said gateway server determining whether ~~the~~ said computer terminal access has

occurred during ~~the~~ a permissible access time period;

if the computer terminal access has occurred during ~~the~~ a permissible access time period

as specified in ~~the~~ said profile, ~~the~~ said gateway server allowing ~~the~~ said requesting computer

terminal access to ~~the computer network~~ said telecommunications network based solely on the

information stored on said computer readable media, said access subject to reverification to

ensure that said access is terminated beyond said permissible access period or periods as

provided in said profile; and

if ~~the~~ said computer terminal access has not occurred during ~~the~~ a permissible access time

period as provided in ~~the~~ said profile, ~~the~~ said gateway server denying ~~the~~ said requesting

computer terminal access to ~~the computer~~ said telecommunications network.

18. (currently amended) In the method of claim 17 in which at least one of ~~the~~ said computer

terminals communicates to ~~the~~ said gateway server via a public switched telephone network, the

step of receiving information identifying ~~the~~ said computer terminal comprising ~~the~~ said gateway

server receiving automatic number identification data from a public switched telephone network

identifying ~~the~~ said telephone number from which ~~a~~ said computer terminal is requesting access.

19. (currently amended) A system for controlling access of ~~a plurality of~~ one or more computer

terminals to a ~~computer network~~ telecommunications network providing connectivity to one or

more destination hosts, comprising:

a gateway server having access to ~~the computer~~ <u>said telecommunications</u> network, said

gateway server having a server communications device accessible via telecommunications lines

at a predetermined address;

a chronometer communicating with said gateway server;

~~a~~ <u>said</u> computer terminal having a terminal communications device connected to said

public communications lines;

<u>removable</u> computer readable media at said computer terminal, ~~the~~ <u>said</u> computer

readable media storing:

    (a)   an address for accessing said gateway server; and

    (b)   programming instructions directing said computer terminal to access said

gateway server at ~~the~~ <u>said</u> stored address via said telecommunications lines; and

a first data structure at the gateway server storing:

    (a)   a database storing at least one profile correlated to a profile identifier, said

profile including ~~an~~ <u>one or more access criteria, at least one of which provides one or</u>

<u>more permissible</u> access time period <u>s</u>;

    (b)   programming instructions directing the receipt of ~~a~~ <u>said</u> profile identifier

at said server communications device;

    (c)   programming instructions directing communication with said chronometer

to determine the time of day of ~~the~~ <u>said</u> computer terminal access;

    (d)   programming instructions directing the accessing of ~~a~~ <u>said</u> profile

identified by said profile identifier;

(e) programming instructions determining whether ~~the~~ said access meets said criteria as provided in said profile identifier including whether said request was received during ~~the~~ a permissible access time period;

(f) programming instructions disconnecting ~~the~~ said computer terminal if ~~computer terminal access has occurred during the access time period~~ said criteria as provided in said profile are not satisfied; and

(g) programming instructions allowing ~~the~~ said computer terminal ~~computer~~ telecommunications network access if ~~the computer terminal access has not occurred during the access time period~~ said criteria as provided in said profile have been satisfied, subject to periodic reverification to ensure that access continues to meet said criteria.

20. (original) In the system of claim 19 wherein said telecommunications lines include a public switched telephone network and said profile identifier includes automatic number identification data from said public switched telephone network identifying the telephone number from which a computer terminal is connecting.

21. (currently amended) A method for controlling access of ~~a~~ one or more computer ~~terminal~~ terminals having a terminal communications device connected ~~to~~ via telecommunications lines to a ~~computer~~ telecommunications network via a gateway server having a first data structure and a server communications device accessible via telecommunications lines at a predetermined address providing connectivity to one or destination hosts, comprising:

providing <u>removable</u> computer readable media at said computer terminal, said readable media storing an address for accessing said gateway server;

providing a database at ~~the~~ <u>said</u> first data structure storing at least one profile correlated to a profile identifier, said profile including <u>one or more access criteria, at least one of which provides</u> an account balance;

~~the~~ <u>said</u> computer terminal accessing said gateway server at ~~the~~ <u>said</u> predetermined address via said telecommunications lines;

~~the~~ <u>said</u> gateway server receiving ~~a~~ <u>said</u> profile identifier at said server communications device;

~~the~~ <u>said</u> gateway server accessing ~~a~~ <u>said</u> profile associated with ~~the~~ <u>said</u> profile identifier received;

~~the~~ <u>said</u> gateway server determining <u>said criteria have been satisfied, including</u> whether a balance remains in the account in ~~the accessed~~ <u>said</u> profile;

if <u>said criteria are satisfied, including</u> an account balance ~~remains~~ <u>remaining</u> in the profile, ~~the~~ <u>said</u> gateway server allowing ~~the~~ <u>said</u> requesting computer terminal access to ~~the computer network; and~~ <u>said telecommunications network based solely on the information stored on said computer readable media, said access subject to periodic reverification to terminate access should said criteria no longer be satisfied;</u>

if ~~no account balance remains in the profile, the~~ <u>said criteria are not satisfied, said</u> gateway server denying ~~the~~ <u>said</u> requesting computer terminal access to ~~the computer network~~ <u>said telecommunications network; and</u>

said gateway server periodically updating said profile and decrementing said account balance as said balance is utilized.

22. (currently amended) In the method of claim 21 in which said computer terminal includes a display, the method further comprising the gateway server transmitting data to ~~the~~ said computer terminal representing ~~the~~ said account balance for display thereat.

23. (currently amended) In the method of claim 21 in which at least one of ~~the~~ said computer terminals communicates to ~~the~~ said gateway server via a public switched telephone network, the step of receiving information identifying ~~the~~ said computer terminal comprising ~~the~~ said gateway server receiving automatic number identification data from a public switched telephone network identifying the telephone number from which a computer terminal is requesting.

24. (currently amended) The method of claim 21 further comprising ~~the~~ said gateway server timing ~~the computer~~ said telecommunications network access and continuously decrementing said account balance by the time elapsed during access to ~~the computer~~ said telecommunications network.

25. (currently amended) A system for controlling access of ~~a plurality of~~ one or more computer terminals to a ~~computer network~~ telecommunications network providing connnectivity to one or more destination hosts, comprising:

a gateway server having access to ~~the computer~~ <u>said telecommunications</u> network, said gateway server having a server communications device accessible via telecommunications lines at a predetermined address;

a computer terminal having a terminal communications device connected to said public communications lines;

<u>removable</u> computer readable media at said computer terminal, ~~the~~ <u>said</u> computer readable media storing:

         (a)   an address for accessing said gateway server; and

         (b)   programming instructions directing said computer terminal to access said gateway server at ~~the~~ <u>said</u> stored address via said telecommunications lines; and

a first data structure at the gateway server storing:

         (a)   a database storing at least one profile correlated to a profile identifier, said profile including <u>one or more access criteria, at least one of which provides</u> an account balance;

         (b)   programming instructions directing the receipt of ~~a~~ <u>said</u> profile identifier at said server communications device;

         (c)   programming instructions directing the accessing of ~~a~~ <u>said</u> profile identified by said profile identifier;

         (d)   programming instructions determining <u>whether said criteria are satisfied, including</u> whether a balance remains in the account in the accessed profile;

         (e)   programming instructions disconnecting the computer terminal if ~~no account balance remains~~ <u>said criteria are not satisfied</u>; and

(f)   programming instructions allowing the computer terminal ~~computer~~ telecommunications network access if ~~an~~ said criteria are satisfied based solely on the information stored on said computer readable media, said access subject to periodic reverification to ensure that access is terminated should said criteria no longer be satisfied; and

(g)   said gateway server periodically updating said profile and decrementing said account balance ~~remains~~ as said balance is utilized.

26. (currently amended) In the system of claim 25 in which said computer terminal includes a display, the system further comprising programming instructions stored at ~~the~~ said first data structure directing ~~the~~ said gateway server to transmit data representing ~~the~~ said account balance to ~~the~~ said computer terminal for display thereat.

27. (currently amended) In the system of claim 25 in which at least one of ~~the~~ said computer terminals communicates to ~~the~~ said gateway server via a public switched telephone network, the programming instructions directing receipt of information from a computer terminal comprising ~~the~~ said gateway server receiving automatic number identification data from ~~the~~ said public switched telephone network identifying the telephone number from which ~~the~~ said computer terminal is requesting access.

28. (currently amended) A method for controlling access of ~~a~~ one or more computer ~~terminal~~ terminals, said computer terminal operating under the direction of an operating system, having a

terminal communications device connected ~~to~~ <u>via</u> public telecommunications lines to a ~~computer~~ <u>telecommunications</u> network via a gateway server having a first data structure and a server communications device accessible via public telecommunications lines at a predetermined address<u>, providing connectivity to one or more destination hosts on the Internet</u>, comprising:

providing removable computer readable media at said computer terminal, said readable media storing an address for accessing said gateway server and a profile identifier;

providing a database at ~~the~~ <u>said</u> first data structure storing at least one profile correlated to a profile identifier, said profile including <u>one or more</u> an access ~~criterion~~ <u>criteria</u>;

programming instructions at the removable computer readable media directing the operating system at the computer terminal to access said gateway server at the stored address via said telecommunications lines without storing said programming instructions at the computer terminal;

programming instructions at the removable computer readable media directing the operating system at ~~the~~ <u>said</u> computer terminal to transmit ~~the~~ <u>said</u> stored profile identifier to ~~the~~ <u>said</u> gateway server without storing said programming instructions at ~~the~~ <u>said</u> computer terminal;

~~the~~ <u>said</u> gateway server accessing ~~a~~ <u>said</u> profile associated with ~~the~~ <u>said</u> profile identifier received;

the gateway server determining whether ~~the~~ <u>said</u> access ~~criterion~~ <u>criteria</u> in the profile ~~is~~ <u>are</u> satisfied;

if said access ~~criterion is~~ <u>criteria are</u> not satisfied, ~~the~~ <u>said</u> gateway server denying ~~the~~ <u>said</u> requesting computer terminal access to the Internet;

if said access ~~criterion is~~ <u>criteria are</u> satisfied, ~~the~~ <u>said</u> gateway server allowing ~~the~~ <u>said</u>

requesting computer terminal access to the Internet <u>based solely on the information stored on</u>

<u>said computer readable media and without requiring said user to input any information</u>; and

monitoring said Internet access and disconnecting said computer terminal if at any time

during the Internet access said access ~~criterion is~~ <u>criteria are</u> not satisfied.

29. (currently amended) The method of claim 28 wherein ~~the~~ <u>one of said</u> access ~~criterion~~ <u>criteria</u>

is the account balance of time.

30. (currently amended) The method of claim 28 wherein ~~the~~ <u>said</u> profile further includes

predefined content criteria, the method further comprising monitoring ~~the~~ <u>said</u> Internet access

and intercepting any Internet transmissions defined in ~~the~~ <u>said</u> content criteria.

31. (currently amended) The method of claim 28 wherein said computer terminal utilizes an

Internet browser to receive Internet transmissions, ~~the~~ <u>said</u> method further comprising

programming instructions at said removable computer readable media directing the launch of

said Internet browser and directing ~~the~~ <u>said</u> Internet browser to a predetermined Internet address.

32. (currently amended) A system for controlling a user's access to the Internet, comprising:

a gateway server having access to the Internet, said gateway server having a server

communications device accessible via public telecommunications lines at a predetermined

address, said gateway server providing access to one or more destination domain hosts on the Internet;

a computer terminal having a terminal communications device connected to said public telecommunications lines, said computer terminal operating under the direction of an operating system;

removable computer readable media at said computer terminal, ~~the~~ said computer readable media storing:

        (a)   an address for accessing said gateway server;

        (b)   programming instructions directing said operating system to access said gateway server at ~~the~~ said stored address via said public telecommunications lines without storing said programming instructions at said computer terminal;

        (c)   a profile identifier; and

        (d)   programming instructions directing the transmission of said profile identifier to said gateway server without storing said programming instructions at said computer terminal; and

a first data structure at said gateway server storing:

        (a)   a database storing at least one profile correlated to ~~a~~ said profile identifier, said profile including ~~an~~ one or more access ~~criterion~~ criteria;

        (b)   programming instructions directing the receipt of ~~a~~ said profile identifier at said server communications device and the access of ~~a~~ said profile identified by said profile identifier;

(c)   programming instructions determining whether said access ~~criterion is~~ criteria are satisfied;

(d)   programming instructions disconnecting said computer terminal if said access ~~criterion is~~ criteria are not satisfied;

(e)   programming instructions allowing the computer terminal Internet access if said access ~~criterion is~~ criteria are satisfied <u>based solely on the information stored on</u> <u>said computer readable media and without requiring said user to input any information;</u> and

(f)   programming instructions monitoring said Internet access and disconnecting said computer terminal if at any time during ~~the~~ <u>said</u> Internet access said access criterion ~~is not~~ <u>are no longer</u> satisfied.

33. (currently amended) The system of claim 32 wherein <u>at least one of</u> the access ~~criterion~~ <u>criteria</u> is the account balance of time.

34. (currently amended) The system of claim 32 wherein ~~the~~ <u>said</u> profile further includes predefined content criteria, ~~the~~ <u>said</u> system further comprising programming instructions at ~~the~~ <u>said</u> gateway server directing ~~the~~ <u>said</u> gateway server to monitor ~~the~~ <u>said</u> Internet access and intercept any Internet transmissions defined in ~~the~~ <u>said</u> content criteria.

35. (currently amended) The system of claim 32 further comprising:

Internet browser at said computer terminal receiving Internet transmissions; and

programming instructions at said removable computer readable media directing the

launch of said Internet browser and directing ~~the~~ <u>said</u> Internet browser to a predetermined

Internet address after <u>said</u> Internet access is allowed by said gateway server.